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Building a network to ensure trails for the future

October 17, 2008

Dear Senator Tom Torlakson,

Congratulations on being selected as the winner of American Trails' national ***Trails Public Service Award!*** The American Trails Board received over 200 nominations for the 2008 National Trails Awards Program. As you might guess, their decisions were difficult, as each nomination deserves to be recognized for their great work. Your nomination stood out to the Board as an *exceptional* example of the inspiring work being done within the trails community!

We invite you to be our guest at the Awards Banquet on Monday, November 17 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the National Trails Symposium. The Symposium will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, November 15 – 18. The Awards Banquet will be held in the Ballroom at the Statehouse Convention Center. We hope you are already planning to attend the Symposium. If so, a ticket to the Awards Banquet is included in that cost. But, if not, please let us know if you will be able to attend the Banquet. We would be happy to provide a complimentary ticket for you and a guest. It would help us plan, if you could let us know by Friday, October 24, if you or another representative will be able to attend and accept the award.

When arriving at the Awards Banquet, please see Julie at the front of the Ballroom, where she will usher you to your reserved seating.

We request that you please refrain from sharing this news beyond a "need to know" basis, as we would like to make the official announcement at the Awards Banquet. A press release will follow the Symposium and will also be placed on our website.

If you would like to learn more about the National Trails Symposium and the National Trails Awards Program, please visit our website at www.americantrails.org.

Once again, congratulations on your great work and for being a shining example to others! Please contact Julie Heath, Awards Coordinator, at 530-547-2060 or julie@americantrails.org to RSVP your attendance. We are looking forward to hearing from you, and we hope to see you at the Awards Banquet in November!

Best regards,

Bob Searns, Chair
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Pam Gluck, Executive Director
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